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ELIGIBILITY CONDITIONS AND REQUIREMENTS

Procedures for Scheduling and Conduct of Standard Surveys

The State has in effect the following procedures for the scheduling and conduct of standard surveys to assure that it has taken all reasonable steps to avoid giving notice.

The Nebraska Department of Health has issued the following policy on survey scheduling.

All initial surveys and scheduled re-surveys for all providers are conducted unannounced, or are announced consistent with HCFA instructions per State Operations Manuals 2700.

Initial surveys for Medicare/Medicaid certified facilities are to be conducted within twenty one days from the date of notification from the facility that it is in full operation (SOM 2008).

Life Safety Code surveys should be scheduled to coincide with the DOH survey. In no instance should the Life Safety Code survey precede the DOH survey. The State Fire Marshall's office conducts the Life Safety Code survey after the DOH survey. It must be scheduled so that all certification actions are completed timely.

It may be necessary to conduct a complete formal survey at an earlier date than planned, due to a complaint about deteriorating standards of care, substantial changes in management or ownership, a significant change in the type of treatment involved, etc. These surveys are not announced in advance.

It may be appropriate to make an unannounced visit between regular survey visits to determine the status of a previously identified problem area or to monitor progress on corrections.

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